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## Residents' Assistance Needed for Successful Snow Removal

CANAL WINCHESTER— The Village of Canal Winchester is committed to providing safe, accessible streets during inclement weather and encourages residents to do their part by shoveling sidewalks.

“Keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice is the responsibility of the property owner,” said Mayor Michael Ebert. “You can help make sidewalks around your business or residence safer for those in our community by shoveling a path around your property in a timely manner every time there is accumulation.”

**Having sidewalks free of snow and ice as well as any other debris is also important so that emergency responders such as police, firefighters and ambulatory providers have clear pathways. For example, an ice covered side walk could be very detrimental to an emergency provider trying to transport someone from their home to a hospital.** Other ways residents can be of assistance in the snow plowing process include:

- Keep snow shoveled from sidewalks, walkways and driveways out of the street.
- Keep children away from snowplows and don't allow them to play in piles of snow near streets.
- Avoid parking on streets during snowy or icy conditions.
- Clear snow around mailboxes to assure mail delivery.

The village's policy for salting and plowing streets is to begin with arterial streets such as Columbus Street, Gender Road, High Street, Washington Street and Waterloo Street. Plowing of arterial streets will be followed by 1) main roads and other major streets within subdivisions, 2) local streets within subdivisions, 3) cul-de-sacs and 4) alleys.

Ebert added, “The village's street department works hard to keep roads clear during inclement weather and appreciates your patience during the process. By working together, we can help minimize the effects of snow and ice on our streets and sidewalks.”

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